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Mehl's Coin Circular

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
AN OCCASIONAL ORDER

This Circular Lists Special Offers New Issues, Brief Numismatic Comment and Items of Interest in Connection With My Business

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Along With Other Resolutions

made the First of the New Year, I included one to the effect that I shall endeavor to issue the Coin Circular more often. I hope that this resolution will be unlike most New Year resolutions and that it will really be possible to fulfill. At any rate, I promise to do my best, as the few previous issues of the Coin Circular seem to have found a warm spot in the hearts (and pocket books) of the collectors who received it.

This issue comes to you all dressed up in a new cover design, and finest quality paper. But the "innards" of it is as attractive as the new paper, ink, etc.

The prices for the items I offer here are—well—I'll let you judge. Some are bargains, others are "near bargains" and still others are "distant" bargains. But you can't go wrong in buying anything offered here. So go to it.

I am frank to tell you that Coin Circular orders with cash in 'em are always given preference. But ALL orders are greeted with my usual song—"satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded." Always try and send a supplement selection.

It's not too late to wish you a Numismatically and otherwise Happy New Year.

B. MAX MEHL.

First Day of 1923.

Do You Know What Is a

United States Fractional Currency Shield?

It's an engraved U. S. shield on cardboard, engraved by the Government with the U. S. Treasury Seal, size 20x24 inches, on which there are mounted all the types, fronts and backs of the First, Second and Third Issues of the U. S. Fractional Currency Notes. Thirty-nine specimens in all (39), 3c to 50c, including the rare red backs of the Third Issue and two pair of the rare Grant and Sherman Notes, one with autograph signatures of Colby and Spinner.

There are three other autograph Notes; five red backs, and both varieties of the 3c Notes, light and dark curtain back of Washington.

This Shield is not in perfect condition. It has been rolled or folded, and is cracked in two or three places, but none of the Notes are damaged. If desired, the Notes can be removed.

Twenty-five Dollars for the set of thirty-nine specimen Notes would be a fair price, but I'll go one better and price it at $20.00 to see how fast I can sell it.

Remember, it includes two pair of the Grant and Sherman Notes, which alone are worth about $10.00; 50c Notes of Justice and Spinner with green and red back and autograph signatures. Thirty-nine Notes in all.

Price, Twenty Dollars

First Cash Order Gets It.

So-Called Centennial Dollar

of 1876, commemorating the Independence of the United States. Liberty with sword, etc. Struck by authority of Congress.

The silver specimens are very scarce and have sold up to $10. I can offer the same coin struck in bronze at

Only $1.40 Each

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Here Are Some

Foreign Gold Coins

At Almost "Copper Prices"

Please note that the prices for these gold coins are just slightly above actual gold value—you can never hope to buy gold coins cheaper.

Hohenstein. (1390), gold Gulden or Ducat. King standing. V. F. $5.00.

Portugal. 1709, 4000 Reis. About fine. Scarce. $6.60.

Portugal. 1740, John V. Half Dobra. (Size U. S. $10). V. F. $11.25.

Portugal. 1766, Joseph I. Half Dobra. Similar to last. Fine. $11.25.

Spain. Charles II. 1769, Doubloon. (Nearly size U. S. $20). Fine portrait. V. F. $19.25.

Spain. Ferdinand VII. 1816, Half Doubloon. Fine. Scarce. $9.75.

Spain. Isabella, 1847, 80 Reals. V. F. $4.40.

Spain. Charles IV. 1794, Doubloon. Nearly Unc. Attractive and scarce coin. (Size U. S. $20.) Price $20.50.

Flanders. 1638, Philip IV. Lion d'Or. Crowned bust of King. Rev., elaborate arms. V. F. with luster. (Size U. S. $10.) $10.25.

Costa Rica. 1900, 5 Colones. Mountains on shield. Unc. $3.10.

Guatemala, 1860, 4 Reals. Fine. Light scratch. $1.50.

India. Large native Mohur. (Nearly size U. S. $10.) V. G. $8.50.

India. Native Mohur. Smaller but thicker size. Native characters struck in high relief. Scarce. $7.75.

India. Native thick Mohur. Old issue, yellow gold. Fine. $6.75.

Persia. Half Toman. Portrait of Shah. Unc. $2.65.

Mayence. About 1381. Ducat or gold Gulden. King seated on throne. V. F. $5.00.

Foreign Gold Coins

France. 1877. 20 Francs, Republic. Unc. Genius of France. $4.25.

Brunswick. 1814. George III. 5 Thaler. V. F. Rare. $6.00.

England. George I. 1717, Double Guinea. Fine head of King. ($10 size.) Fine. Rare. $15.25.

England. Charles I. Gold Crown or 5 Shilling piece. Crowned bust of King. About fine. Scarce. $3.40.

England. James I. 20 Shilling piece. Head of King. Rev., large shield. Larger than U. S. $10 but thinner. $12.25.

England. Henry VI. (1422-61), gold Noble. King with sword and shield in boat. V. F. Beautiful coin, larger than U. S. $10 but thinner. $15.00.

Japan. Gold Oban. Large oblong gold coin, 38 & 72 mm. V. F. Curious and scarce. $9.50.

Belgium. 1878. 20 Francs. Leopold II. V. F. $4.25.

Hungary. 1621. Ducat, Broad type. Gabriel Bethlen. Large bust. Rev., Madonna and Child. Ex. F. $6.25.

Salzburg. 1570. John James, Double Ducat. Double-headed eagle. Rev., Saint and shield. B. F. $8.25.

Here Is Something Odd in Coins

The Now Rather Famous

Porcelain Coins of Saxony

Undoubtedly the most interesting war money.

Just received few complete sets direct from Saxony. The set consists of 20-mark piece, 10-mark, 5-mark, 2-mark, 1-mark, 50-pfennig and 20-pfennig. The first three coins are with gold borders, all dated 1921 and each coin with a different obverse design.

The set of seven coins come in a fine neat plush lined case.

Price for the Complete Set and Case, Only $3.25

(Please add 16c for postage and insurance.)

B. Max Mehl, Numismatist, Drawer 976, Fort Worth, Texas

Here Are Some of the High Lights

in my sale of December 12th. Collectors are always interested to see what real rare coins sell for. Here are a few of the prices realized at my sale of the Rawson, Dr. de Yoanna and Strasser collections:

1852 Pattern gold dollar, $76.00.
1875 Gold dollar, $127.00.
1861 D mint gold dollar, $165.00.
1870 S mint gold dollar, $105.00.
1796 $2.50, no stars, $95.00.
1826 $5.00, uncirculated, $225.00.
1832, $5.00, 13 stars, $390.00.
1832 $5.00, 12 stars, $1,310.00.
1851 Calif. $50.00, first issue, $340.00.
1849 Calif. $16.00, $575.00.
1849 Miner's Bank, $10.00, $325.00.
1860 Mormon $5.00, $105.00.
1860 Colorado $20.00, $840.00.
Georgia, $2.50, unc., $105.00.
1796 Quarter Dollar, unc., $24.50.
1853 Quarter Dollar, no arrows, $26.00.
1792 Martha Washington half dime, $60.00.
1796 Kentucky half penny, copper, $42.00.
1836 Pattern two cents, $20.00.
Ancient Egypt Gold Stater, $110.00.
Arsinoe II. Octodrachm, $115.00.
Syracuse Dekadrachm, $400.00.
1588 Sixtus V. Dollar, $26.00.

Over seventeen hundred lots constituted the sale. The total amount realized was over $18,500.000. If you want to know what each and every lot sold for, I'll be tickled to send you a complete list for only $1.00 (if you have the catalog.) If you haven't the catalog, you are in hard luck, as the catalog now costs $1.00 extra.

Who Wants Old Large Copper Cents at Face Value—1c Each?

I have a lot of 500 large copper cents—poor and holed—I don't know what they are good for. I want five dollars for the lot—you pay the freight. At that price they are cheap enough to throw at cats.

$5.00 for the lot of 500—Lot will not be broken.

Here Is a Real Rare Visitor

1796 U. S. Half Dollar!

Once in a great while I get a glimpse at a 1796 Half in a Coin Sale, but it's really seldom that I own one. Therefore, using the usual coin man's deductions, it must be a rare bird.

The 1796 I now really have (for a short period, I hope) is of the 15-star variety, I call it "very good" and ask just $75.00 for it. Have known no better specimens to sell at $90.00.

Here is a Coin You've Heard About But I doubt if you ever had a chance to buy:

Philippine Island 1918 5 Centavos with Obverse die of the 20 Centavos. Small Date.

Just received only nine specimens from Manila. My correspondent writes they are very difficult to find.

Price $1.00 Each
They ARE Rare

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TEXAS

Texas occupies all the continent of North America except the small part set aside for the United States and Canada. Texas owns all the north of the Rio Grande, the only dusty river in the world; also the only one which is navigable for mud-cats and pedestrians.

Texas is bounded on the north by twenty-five or thirty States, on the east by all the oceans in the world except the Pacific, and on the south by the Gulf and South America, and on the west by the Pacific Ocean, the milky way and the sidereal universe.

If Texas were chopped off loose from the rest of the United States it would float out into the ocean, as it rests upon a vast subterranean sea of fresh water.

Texas is so big that the people in Brownsville call the Dallas people Yankees and the citizens of El Paso sneer at the citizens of Texarkana, Texas, as being big snobs from the effete East.

It is one hundred and fifty miles farther from El Paso, Texas, to Texarkana, Texas, than it is from Chicago to New York. Fort Worth is nearer St. Paul, Minn., than it is to Brownsville, Texas.

The chief occupation of the people of Texas is trying to keep from making all the money in the world. The chief pursuit of the people of Texas was

also oil gushers.

The United States, with Texas off, would look like a three-legged Boston terrier.

Texans are so proud of Texas that they cannot sleep at night. If a Texan's head should be opened, the map of Texas would be found photographed on his brain. This is also true of his heart. Unless your front gate is eighteen miles from your front door, you do not belong to society as constituted in Texas. Mrs. King's gate is one hundred and fifty miles from her front door, and she is thinking of moving her house back so that she will not be annoyed by passing automobiles and peddlers.

Other Texas landlords have whole mountain ranges and rivers on their ranches. One Texan has forty miles of navigable rivers on his farm. If the proportion of cultivated land in Texas were the same as in Illinois, the value of Texas crops would equal that of the forty-seven other States.

Texas has enough land to supply every man, woman and child in the world with a tract of five by twenty feet, and have enough left over for the armies of the world to march around the border five abreast.

Texas grows enough alfalfa, which if baled and built into a stairway, would reach to the pearly gates.

If all the hogs in Texas were one big hog, he would be able to dig the Panama Canal in three roots.

Some State! SOME STATE!!!

Ten at Ten

Here are ten scarce items selected at random from my stock, and regardless of their regular prices, are now offered at

Ten Dollars Each

Let's see how good you are at picking bargains.

$10 **$10**

1793 Cent, LIBERTY CAP variety. V. F. to good $10

1793 Cent, Crosby 11 J, but with lettered edge. V. Good $10

1794 Cent, Hays 12, very fine $10

U. S. Silver Dollar, 1836, flying eagle, very fine $10

U. S. Quarter Dollar, 1853, No rays nor arrows. Fine $10

Confederate Re-Strike Half Dollars, very fine $10

Encased Postage Stamps, set of 1c, 3c, 5c and 10c, the set $10

Old Silver Assay Bar, oblong, 4.9 oz. (From Gregory sale, cost $9.50) $10

Canada, 1822, Silver, 1/20, 1/10, ¼ and ½ dollar, uncirculated, the complete set..... $10

Virginia, 1773 Cent, (record about $15.00) uncirculated $10

$10 **$10**

Cash with order on these, please.

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I Have a Gem Collection of

U. S. Three-Dollar Gold Pieces

(Complete in all dates and mints excepting only 1875-1876)

This collection was to be offered at auction, but an earlier sale is preferred by owner. So here goes—

Did you Ever See a Better Collection?

1854 Brilliant Unc. Gem.
1854 O Mint. Semi-proof. Said to be finest known. Cost $50.00.
1854 D Mint. Prac. Unc.
1855 Brilliant Unc.
1855 S Mint. Ex. F.
1856 S Mint, small S. Unc.
1856 Large S. Unc.
1856 P Mint. Gem Unc.
1857 Uncirculated.
1857 S. About Unc.
1858 Magnificent Brill. Proof. Worth $75.00.
1859 Brilliant Unc.
1860 Brilliant Unc.
1860 S Mint. Semi-proof. Said to be finest known. Cost $40.00.
1861 Extremely fine.
1862 About Unc.
1863 Brilliant Unc.
1864 About Unc.
1865 Brill. Semi-proof.
1866 Brilliant Unc.
1867 Uncirculated.
1868 Brill. Semi-proof.
1869 Brill. Unc.
1870 Semi-proof.
1871 Semi-proof.
1872 Semi-proof.
1873 Ex. Fine.
1874 Proof.
1877 Ex. Fine.
1878 Uncirculated.
1879 Brill. Proof.
1880 Brill. Proof.
1881 Brill. Proof.
1882 Brill. Proof.
1883 Brill. Proof.
1884 Brill. Proof.
1885 Brill. Proof.
1886 Brill. Proof.
1887 Brill. Proof.
1888 Brill. Proof.
1889 Brill. Proof.

Price for the Entire Collection, $640.00

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SHORT and SWEET

Really Rare Coins with Short Descriptions at "Sweet" Prices

Montreal Side View Half Penny

Dated 1839, Fine to Very Fine.
Price, Thirty-one Dollars
Who Wants It?

1799 U. S. Cent

Just fair—with pretty good date.

Price, Nine Dollars

How often have you seen 1799 cents for less than $15.00?

Rare Half Cents

1793	Very fine, but slight rough spot on obv., light olive surface, genuine bargain	$9.50
1795	Plain edge; no pole, uncirculated	7.25
1795	Plain edge; pole and punctuated date; about unc. Reverse center weak	6.25
1795	Thick planchet, lettered edge, Very Fine	7.50
1800	Uncirculated, partly red	5.00
1808	over 1807, nearly fine	3.00

I Bought At a Bargain a

Carolina $5 Gold Piece

C. Bechtler, At Rutherf:, 134 G., 21 Carats, Plain edge, raised borders. Very fine, planchet flaked on reverse.

Will Sell At a Bargain

Price, Twenty-five Dollars

(This variety has sold up to $50)

Wanted

Quite a few things would be appropriate for me to list under this head. But I've lived long enough to know that we don't always get what we want. So I'll go easy and list one item at a time.

I Want a Round $50 Gold Piece

I will pay a liberally fair price—am not looking for nor expect a bargain. Have you one? Is it for sale? How much?

Here Is Something Scarce In

Paper Money

Fifty and Hundred Dollar Bills of the Planters Bank, Natchez, Miss., issued in 1832 to 1834. All signed and dated. Portraits of Washington and Franklin with view of Railroad Train of that time. Interesting and very scarce, not even listed in Scott's.

Price for the Pair, Only Fifty Cents

Also have just a few of the $5, $10 and $20 notes of the same issue. These denominations are RARE. Those I have are only fair to about good, but as I say they A[illegible] rare. Have only about twelve complete sets, and as l[illegible] as they last they go at

$1.50 the Set of Six Notes

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A Date That Always Commands Respect

1804

No, not the dollar of 1804, but a

Very Good DIME of 1804

Can be classed as fine for coin. Seldom even equalled.

Price, $21.00

(Record for equal specimen over $35.00)

Rare Hard Time Token

At a Hard Time Price

1837 Baker, Soda Water, Charleston, Low 108. One of rarest of all tokens included in the Jackson series. Only one or two records of sale. Latest record made in 1921 was for $51.00.

This specimen is in about fine condition, and has small hole skillfully plugged. The defect is hardly noticeable. A good coin for any collection. Of greatest rarity.

Price, Seventeen Dollars

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This Is Not a Very Modest Thing

for me to do—but the following letter came to me unsolicited, so I feel justified in submitting it for consideration to those who may some day decide to sell their collections:

Tolland, Conn., August 14, 1922.

My Dear Mr. Mehl:

Your kind letters of August fifth and seventh inst. with inclosures received, and I am writing this to inform you that I have decided to place my collection of coins, medals, paper money, etc., in your hands to sell at auction for me, as per your advice in our previous correspondence and agreement.

I am taking this step not because of any influence I may have received in reading your testimonials; that only goes to further strengthen my former belief that you are the best equipped of any American Numismatic dealer to handle my collection.

Your extensive clientele, together with your mechanical equipment, experience, and grey-matter, goes to substantiate the fact.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Dr. W. N. SIMMONS

New Issues

Coins Just Hatched

A good way to keep up with the numismatic interests of the world is to add the new issues to your collection.

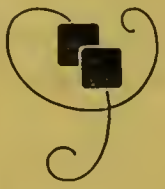
Lot of collectors have been asking me for new issue coins, especially of new countries. These coins are not rare, but they are hard as the deuce to get in quantity.

Here is a pair of new coins just issued by Finland—the Republic chipped off of old Russia:

5 and 10 Pennia pieces, dated 1922, bright pretty coins.

I started to ask 25c for the two, but that's too much. However, I can't afford to fill orders for less than two bits, so send me 25c plus 4c for postage, and I'll send you four coins—two sets.

Or if you want to be liberal and pass some of these around to your friends, send me a dollar and a few cents for postage and I'll send you TEN SETS—20 coins—for the DOLLAR.



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